

The bill for the better protection of public bridges owned by individuals or corporations, and prescribing the punishment for burning the same, being read, Mr. Pickett moved to amend the same, by striking out the words "*and shall suffer death without the benefit of clergy,*" and inserting the words "*and shall be punished accordingly,*" which was agreed to; and the same was further amended, on motion of Mr. Gilchrist, by striking out the words "*any of the said bridges which have been or may be erected,*" and inserting the words "*any public bridge or private toll bridge.*" Thereupon the said bill passed the second time.

The bill limiting the time within which prosecutions for certain offences shall be commenced, was read the second time. Mr. Hogan moved to strike out the word "three" in the 11th line of the first section, and insert the word "*one;*" which was not agreed to. The question then recurred on the passage of the said bill the second time; which was determined in the affirmative.

The bill to aid in the establishment of a fund for the support of schools for the convenient instruction of youth, was read the second time and passed.

The engrossed bill to repeal the 10th section of an act directing the manner in which the Clerks of the Superior Courts shall be appointed, passed in the year 1806, chapter 693, entitled "an act for the more uniform and convenient administration of justice within this State," was read the second time; and, on motion of Mr. Spright, of Greene, the same was indefinitely postponed. The yeas and nays on this question being demanded by Mr. M'Dowell; of Burke, are as follows, to wit:

For the indefinite postponement of the bill, are Messrs. Alexander, Baker, Bethune, Boykin, Beasley, Davenport, Forney, Gilchrist, Hill of Franklin, Hogan, Hill of Stokes, Joiner, Jones of Rowan, Legrand, Leak, Matthews, M'Daniel, Nichols, Pickett, Poindexter, Smith, Sneed, Spaight of Craven, Speight of Greene, Sanders, Seawell, Vanhook, Williams, Wilson of Camden, Wilson of Edgecombe, Whitfield—Yeas 31.

Against the indefinite postponement of the bill, are Messrs. Davidson of Iredell, Davidson of Mecklenburg, Dowd, Devane, Formyduval, Hollamon, Hargrave, Love, M'Dowell of Buncombe, M'Dowell of Burke, Marsh, Montgomery, Parker, Pool, Riddick, Salyear, Smithwick, Shuford, Ward—Nays 19.

The bill prescribing the time and places of electing the members of the General Assembly for the county of Wayne, members of Congress, and electors to vote for President and Vice President of the United States, and to repeal part of an act, passed in the year 1824, prescribing the time and places of electing members of the General Assembly, members to Congress, and electors to vote for President and Vice President of United States, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Alexander, from the committee appointed to conduct the balloting for Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry attached to the 11th Brigade of militia, reported that Wm. N. Parks was duly elected; which report was concurred in.

The Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1825.

The Senate met.

A message was sent to the House of Commons, stating that the Senate have passed a bill to repeal in part the several acts of the General Assem-